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SUBJECT: MBFR: U.S. OPENING STATEMENT AND DE FACTO FLA

REF: (A) VIENNA 8686 AND BONN 15317, (B) STATE 209531,
(C) STATE 207141, (D) VIENNA 8711

1. DURING OCT 25 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON OTHER TOPICS, RUTH REFERRED TO U.S. OPENING STATEMENT AND RECALLED U.S. ARGUMENTATION (REF A) CONCERNING DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN ALLIES PRESENTING DE FACTO FLA TYPE CONCEPT TO SOVIETS. RUTH SAID BONN HAD DECIDED TO DROP THIS PROPOSITION (FROM PARA 13 OF) FRG OPENING STATEMENT.

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2. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, RUTH SAID HE TENDS TO BELIEVE THAT THE VERY PRESENCE OF THE ALLIES AT THE MBFR NEGOTIATING TABLE CLEARLY IMPLIES THE WESTERN EXPECTATION THAT NO MAJOR CHANGES IN SOVIET FORCES' POSTURE WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN TERMS VERY SIMILAR TO GUIDANCE RECEIVED IN REF B, RUTH VOICED THE VIEW THAT IT WAS BETTER FOR THE ALLIES "TO KEEP THEIR POWDER DRY" AT THIS TIME; RUTH SAID ALLIED DELS COULD THEN REACT FORCEFULLY SHOULD THAT BECOME NECESSARY DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN REPLY, EMBOFF DID NOT DRAW EXPLICITLY ON STATE 209531, BUT DID WELCOME POSITION WHICH RUTH HAD EXPLAINED ON THIS ISSUE.
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